

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	22231	Agenda Number	20.
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Meeting Date:	3/21/2013	Department:	Austin Police Department
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*Subject*

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City through its Police Department, the Texas Department of Transportation through its Toll Operations Division, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, and the Texas Department of Public Safety through its Texas Highway Patrol Division to adopt procedures for diversion of traffic from non-tolled highway facilities to tolled highway facilities during major traffic incidents.

*Amount and Source of Funding*

*Fiscal Note*

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Assistant Chief, Patrick Ocketree   974-5030
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

*Additional Backup Information*

This agreement would allow local law enforcement officials to work with state agencies to divert traffic from conventional (non-tolled) roadways to toll roads in the event of a major incident or localized event that impedes the flow of traffic and where there is no alternative detour available, where there are directional lane closures that affect the entire roadway or partial directional lane closures that are expected to last at least two hours and where a toll roadway is able to support the increased traffic. The toll road authorities will determine whether to suspend toll fees on a case-by-case basis.

This diversion on to and off of a toll road will be limited to the nearest exit and entrance, and shortest duration and distance needed to bypass the obstruction and to re-establish steady traffic movement on to the conventional roadway.

The proposed interlocal agreement, which was developed by TXDOT, CTRMA and APD, is attached as backup.